

I am NOT in favor of National Asso. of Broadcasters' petition 04-160 to limit satellite radio's right to broadcast local traffic and weather reports. I have found that XM Satellite radio's traffic reports are superior to the traffic reports available on local radio stations. XM's traffic reports are longer, more detailed and are almost continuous. The traffic reports on the major NY AM radio stations are ten minutes apart, last maybe thirty seconds and many times do not include some traffic situations that affect many people. Some of the so-called "news" stations, such as WCBS in NY, broadcast Major League baseball games and as a result the traffic and weather reports are not broadcast at regular intervals. Who needs a Yankee game when you need the best way around a traffic tie-up?

If the AM and FM radio stations and broadcast TV and cable TV can send traffic and weather reports, Satellite radio should be able to as well. This is one of the major reasons that I subscribed to and paid for satellite radio. Please do not approve NAB 04-160!!